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AIR CLEANER ARRANGEMENTS, SERVICEABLE FILTER ELEMENTS;

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## SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d))

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PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

Attached are copies of the Complaint with Exhibits A-F, the Notice Of Claims Involving Patents, the Rule 7.1 Disclosure Statement of Plaintiff Donaldson Company, Inc., and the Civil Cover Sheet in the lawsuit Donaldson Company, Inc. v. Mann+Hummel USA, Inc. and Mann+Hummel GmbH, United States District Court District of Minnesota, Case 0:07-cv-04136 MJD-SRN filed October 1, 2007.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted after the mailing date of a final action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.113 or after the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.311 or after any other action that closes prosecution on the application, but before the payment of the issue fee. Please charge Deposit Account No. 13-2725 in the amount of \$180.00 for the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p). This statement is submitted <u>as certified below</u> under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1) or (2) by the undersigned.

## Certification Under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(2)

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c) or §1.97(d), the undersigned hereby certifies that no item of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and to the knowledge of the

undersigned after making a reasonable inquiry, no item of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 was known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

This submission is made in order to comply with the directive of MPEP 2001.06(c). The United States Patent and Trademark Office is provided with a copy of the lawsuit documents filed on October 1, 2007 in the United States District Court in Minnesota. The patents attached as Exhibits A-F were known to individuals designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. Accordingly, this certification does not apply to the patents of Exhibits A-F.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided.

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art." Moreover, Applicants do not represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725.

Respectfully submitted,

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